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SUBJECT: YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR DENIES CLERIDES HAS AGREED RESUME ROLE
IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS

1. YUGOSLAV AMB MANDIC WAS AMONG PROCESSION OF AMBASSADORS
WHO CALLED AT EMBASSY TODAY TO COMPARE NOTES ON DEVELOP-
MENTS HERE. HE RESIDES CLOSE TO GLAFCOS CLERIDES AND SAID
HE HAD SEEN HIM THIS MORNING AND RECEIVED CATEGORIC DENIAL
THAT HE WOULD BE WILLING TO SERVE AS REPRESENTATIVE OF
SAMPSON'S FOUP IN CONTINUED INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. YUGOSLAV
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AMB SAID CLERIDES TRYING TO GET TO UN REPRESENTATIVE

WECKMANN TO DENY STATEMENT OF HIS WILLINGNESS TO CONTINUE AS BROADCAST BY CYPRUS RADIO AND IMPARTED INFORMALLY TO EMBASSY BY MEMBER SAMPSON'S GOVT.

2. AMB. MANDIC HAS HAD NO COMMUNICATION WITH HIS GOVT SINCE COUP AND HAD JUST COME FROM TELEGRAPH OFFICE WHERE HE WAS TOLD TELEGRAMS COULD BE ACCEPTED ONLY FOR DELIVERY TO GREECE. HE CITED THIS AS EVIDENCE THAT AUTHORITIES WERE ALREADY BEGINNING TO ADMINISTER CYPRUS AS PART OF MAINLAND GREECE.

3. MANDIC SAID HE THOUGHT SITUATION HAD BEEN CHANGED BY COUP TO A CONDOMINIUM WITH ATHENS NOW IN SAME RELATIONSHIP TO GREEK CYPRIOT SECTOR AS ANKARA HAD BEEN AND IS WITH TURKISH SECTOR OF POPULATION. HE THOUGHT SITUATION EXTREMELY DANGEROUS SINCE TURKS WOULD NEVER ACCEPT SAMPSON AS LEADER OF GREEK CYPRIOTS. HE SAID MOST GREEK CYPRIOTS HAD EXTREME DISTASTE FOR SAMPSON WHO WAS REGARDED AS "A NOBODY" AND A GUNMAN. HE SPECULATED THAT ONE WAY TO DEFUSE SITUATION WAS EVOLUTION WITHIN THE COUP GOVT WITH PARLIAMENT NAMEING A SUCCESSOR TO MAKARIOS. I DECLINED TO SPECULATE WITH HIM AS TO POSSIBILITY OF ARCHBISHOP'S RETURN.

4. MANDIC SAID YUGOSLAV INTERESTS WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY GRECO-TURKISH WAR WHICH HE THOUGHT WAS A PROBABLE OUTGROWTH OF TURKISH INTERVENTION HERE. I NOTED INTERGOVERNMENTAL CONSULTATIONS UNDER WAY AND HOPES THAT ALL WITH INTERESTS IN AVOIDING FURTHER CONFLICT WHICH COULD BE EXPLOITED BY THOSE WITH DIFFERING INTERESTS WOULD URGE AGAINST RESORT TO FORCE AND RELIANCE ON CONCILIATION THROUGH NEGOTIATION.

5. EGYPTIAN AND GERMAN AMBS DURING CALLS ALSO NOTED DISTASTE FOR SAMPSON ON PART OF MOST OF THEIR GREEK CYPRIOT CONTACTS.

6. COMMENT: AMB. MANDIC AND HIS GOVT ARE PARTISANS OF MAKARIOS AND WOULD HAVE AN INTEREST IN CLERIDES' DISSOCIATION FROM REGIME. HE WAS HOWEVER CATEGORIC IN HIS STATEMENT AS TO WHAT CLERIDES TOLD HIM. EMBASSY WILL SEEK FURTHER INFORMATION AS COMMUNICATIONS PERMIT.
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